

REMARKS

1. Claims Amendments.

Claims 1-20 were previously cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 21 has been amended to better comport the claim language to USPTO preferred style, to correct a typographical error, and to clarify that the reaction occurs at room temperature. Support for this amendment can be found on page 6, line 22 of the Specification. No new matter has been added. Applicant submits that this clarification makes Claim 21 further patentable over the cited art.

Claim 22 has been amended to better comport the claim language to USPTO preferred style and to clarify that the reaction occurs at room temperature. Support for this amendment can be found on page 6, line 22 of the Specification. No new matter has been added. Applicant submits that this clarification makes Claim 22 further patentable over the cited art.

Claim 23 has not been amended in this response.

Claim 24 has been amended to better comport the claim language to USPTO preferred style. No new matter has been added.

Claim 25 has been amended to include the subject matter of its base claim, Claim 21, and its intervening claims, Claims 23 and 24, and to be in independent form. As the examiner indicated that Claim 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of its base claim (Claim 21) and any intervening claims (Claims 23 and 24), Claim 25 now is allowable. No new matter has been added.

Claims 26 and 27 has not been amended in this response.

Claim 28 has been amended to better comport the claim language to USPTO preferred style. No new matter has been added.

Claim 29 has been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 30 has been amended to include the subject matter of its base claim, Claim 21 and to be in independent form. As the examiner indicated that Claim 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of its base claim (Claim 21) and any intervening claims (none), Claim 30 now is allowable. No new matter has been added.

Claim 31 has not been amended in this response.

Claim 32 has been amended to better comport the claim language to USPTO preferred style. No new matter has been added.

Claims 33 – 35 have not been amended in this response.

Claim 36 has been amended to better comport the claim language to USPTO preferred style. No new matter has been added.

Claim 37 has been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 38 has been amended to include the subject matter of its base claim, Claim 22 and to be in independent form. As the examiner indicated that Claim 38 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of its base claim (Claim 22) and any intervening claims (none), Claim 38 now is allowable. No new matter has been added.

2. 35 USC §112 Rejections Are Moot.

The above amendments to the claims address the examiner's concerns under 35 USC 112, and Applicant requests that these grounds for rejection be withdrawn.

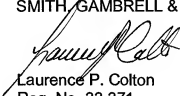
3. 35 USC §102 Rejections Are Moot.

The above amendment to the claims address the examiner's concerns under 35 USC 102, and Applicant requests that these grounds for rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the patent application is in condition for allowance and requests such actions. If there are any questions, direct them to the below signed attorney.

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